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the NUT setting information includes NUT table information that contains a start transmission device ID and an end transmission device ID that indicate a section in which NUT channel should be established, a type of NUT setting including a basic NUT and an enhanced NUT, and a relay direction including an east direction and a west direction; and said channel establishment unit recognizes and establishes the NUT channel via a designated write address in which the NUT table information should be written.

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11. (original) The transmission device as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information relay unit uses D bytes out of overhead bytes in order to relay the NUT setting information.

12. (canceled)

13. (original) The transmission device as claimed in claim 10, wherein:
said setting information relay unit sends the NUT setting information including an establishment request message, and sends an establishment execution message after receiving a normal response sent back thereto; and

said channel establishment unit receives the establishment execution message and establishes the NUT channel.

14. (original) The transmission device as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information relay unit of a start transmission device is externally provided with the NUT setting

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information, the NUT setting information externally provided being relayed to an end transmission device, so that the NUT channel can be established.

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15. (original) The transmission device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the NUT setting information is relayed to all transmission devices in the ring network from the setting information relay unit in an arbitrary transmission, so that the NUT channel can be established.

16. (currently amended) ~~The transmission device as claimed in claim 10~~ A transmission device on a ring network comprising:

a setting information relay unit relaying NUT (non-preemptible unprotected traffic) setting information for setting a specific channel to a NUT setting that sets the specific channel as a NUT channel restricted from being used for BLSR (Bi-directional Line-Switched Ring) restoration;

a channel establishment unit determining, by referring to the NUT setting information, whether a channel of interest should be set to the NUT setting so as to establish said NUT channel; and

a route switch control unit recognizing a section in which said NUT channel has been established and a fault bypass control condition at the time of occurrence of a fault and performing a route switching control based on a result of recognition, wherein, when the BLSR employs line switching that is performed at ends of a line in which a fault occurs as the fault bypass control condition, the route switch control units in the transmission devices located at the ends of the line in which the fault occurs perform route switching if a fault bypass route does not

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have any section in which the NUT channel has not been established, and do not perform route switching if a fault bypass route has a section in which the NUT channel has been established.

17. **(currently amended)** The transmission device as claimed in claim 10, wherein, when line switching for the BLSR employs a submarine BLSR in which line switching is performed restoration takes place at ends of a path as the fault bypass control condition, the route switch control units in the transmission devices located at the ends of the path perform route switching if a fault bypass route does not have any section in which the NUT channel has not been established, and do not perform route switching if a fault bypass route has a section in which the NUT channel has been established.

18. **(currently amended)** A transmission system performing a transmission control on a network comprising:

a plurality of transmission devices each comprising a setting information relay unit relaying NUT (non-preemptible unprotected traffic) setting information for setting a specific channel to a NUT (non-preemptible unprotected traffic) setting that sets the specific channel as a NUT channel restricted from being used for BLSR (Bi-directional Line-Switched Ring) restoration, a channel establishment unit determining, by referring to the NUT setting information, whether a channel of interest should be set to the NUT setting so as to establish said NUT channel, and a route switch control unit recognizing a section in which said NUT channel has been established and a fault bypass control condition at the time of occurrence of a fault and performing a route switching control based on a result of recognition.

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